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### PERTINENT PARAGRAPHS

The Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States, Lancaster, Pa., has a most interesting plan by which the members of the Senior Class each year are given some laboratory experience in New York City.

The fund to defray the expenses is provided by men of the Reformed Church who permit the President of the Seminary to draw upon them for not more than a hundred dollars each year. The President has full charge of this money and is to use it to procure speakers—preachers or lecturers—to address the students during the year and to take the Senior Class to New York.

This year, on the first day, they visited the Cathedral of St. John, the Divine, Union Theological Seminary, the Union Settlement House, Grant's Tomb, and heard a forum in Cooper Institute conducted by Dean Martin on the psychology of conservatism, and spent an hour in Chinatown.

On the next day they were given admission by ticket to the private library and museum of J. P. Morgan; were conducted through the Manhattan Building, with full explanation of the workings of that company and visited the Metropolitan Museum.

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### Report of Visits of Women Secretaries of the Methodist, Episcopal, Baptist, Presbyterian, Congregational, and Lutheran Churches and the Young Women's Christian Association.

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There has just been completed a series of meetings which indicate a new movement of cooperation among the women secretaries of the Home and Foreign Missions and Departments of Education of the various Protestant Churches and the Young Women's Christian Association. This movement grew out of the expression on the part of authorities in many of the large colleges that they did not wish to have Church Board secretaries coming week after week on to their college campus; one coming to interview the students who were interested in home or foreign work of the Presbyterian Church and the next week of the Methodist Church and so on. Along side of this feeling on the part of the colleges there was a definite recognition that the object of the local Young Women's Christian Association was to further membership and service in the Christian Church. This part of the program of the Young Women's Christian Association had been only partially carried out and it was their desire to find a new method for furthering this object. In the third place there was the desire on the part of the women secretaries of the Churches to find some new method of approach so that their visits should bring to the attention of all students on a given campus the place of the whole Church in the life of people today. Each secretary going alone to a campus touched mostly her own group, but it was thought that a united visit could reach all Church members and those not affiliated with any Church and focus their attention upon the opportunity of Church work after college and the constructive program of all Churches in their home and foreign program.

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

The University of Chicago invited each Church to send a representative there early in January. On one afternoon simultaneous meetings were held for each one of the church groups who had a visiting secretary or

local leader. This was in order to inform the students of the general work of their respective denominations. Following these denominational meetings a meeting was held for all students in the University. The theme of this meeting was the place of religion in a college student's life. A Roman Catholic layman, a Jewish layman, a Protestant minister and a Protestant laywoman were speakers at this meeting and presented in a most comprehensive way the theme which the students themselves had chosen. The following day was given to interviews by the visiting secretaries. This general plan was considered successful by those of the University of Chicago and they hope to repeat it another year.

#### WELLESLEY COLLEGE

On February 18-21, one of the student secretaries of the Young Women's Christian Association and the secretaries of the Baptist, Presbyterian, Congregational and Episcopal Churches visited Wellesley College at the invitation of the Christian Association there. On the opening evening of the visit President Pendleton, together with the members of the Bible Department of Wellesley College, entertained the visiting secretaries and the members of the cabinet of the Christian Association. This was an informal meeting for discussion of the general problems in religious life on the Wellesley campus.

On the following day, which was Sunday, denominational meetings were held in the afternoon for those who had Church Board Secretaries. These meetings were not largely attended, partly because of lack of publicity and also because there was apparently little interest in such meetings. These meetings were similar to the denominational meetings which are usually held in summer conferences of the Christian Association and in each, opportunity for work within the Church and a general discussion of the Church life of the girl while in college was taken up. That evening Dr. R. Calkins of Boston presented "The Challenge of the Church" at the evening chapel service. Following his address he held an open forum discussion. About fifty remained for this discussion.

The following days at Wellesley were given over to personal interviews for each secretary with her own students. Questions of foreign work and of opportunities for work in home churches came to each one of the Secretaries. Girls were eager to know about the course in Social Religious Education given at Teachers' College and wished definite information about possibilities for scholarships in that course.

The result of the days at Wellesley was summed up at an evening meeting at Miss Pendleton's in which all were agreed that the experiment had been "most worth while." Each Secretary had reported that she had accomplished all that she would have accomplished if she had gone alone and in addition there had been a very definite expression on the part of the students that the fact that the secretaries of several churches would come together to the campus had meant to them an indication of church cooperation which was altogether pleasing and in line with their whole desire.

#### DURHAM

At the State College at Durham, New Hampshire, the plan included men and women and was under the leadership of the Secretary for Christian work there. For women, the Baptist and Congregational Church secretaries and the YWCA were there. For men, the Baptist and Congregational.

The program consisted of a  
Convocation with Mr. Gordon Gilkey speaking on "The Challenge  
of the Church," a  
Meeting of secretaries and presidents of the Christian Associations.  
an  
Illustrated lecture on "The Church at Work"—Miss Calder of  
the Congregational Board, speaker,  
9:00 p. m., Denominational meetings, with small attendance,  
Personal interviews,  
United worship at Community Church,  
Discussion on Church work,  
Supper at Church, followed by discussion on "Ministry" and  
"Foreign Work,"

Discussion on Volunteer and Professional Social Service for women,  
Closing service led by Dr. Parker.

At a subsequent meeting of committee of students and secretaries and Advisory Committees, all agreed that the idea had been good, but that for so small a school they preferred only two men and two women secretaries who should come to represent *all* Churches, and that they wanted one man speaker to remain for the days of the Conference.

#### SMITH COLLEGE

The fourth experiment in cooperation came at the invitation of the Smith College Christian Association for a visit there March 7-8-9. Following the experiment at Wellesley a much more comprehensive program was planned. The Lutheran and Methodist Boards were represented in addition to those who had been at Wellesley. Following is the program for the three days' visit:

March 7—1 o'clock luncheon with the cabinet of the Christian Association, the presidents of the Church Clubs and the Secretaries of the Baptist, Congregational, Methodist, Lutheran, Presbyterian and Episcopal Churches plus the national student secretary of the Young Women's Christian Association and the local secretary of the Christian Association.

Four o'clock Tea with the members of the Bible Department, the Advisory Committee of the Young Women's Christian Association and undergraduates. At that time the whole program was surveyed and the members of the faculty expressed their interest in the project.

7 p. m.—Meeting of the Young Women's Christian Association with Mr. Gordon Gilkey of Springfield, speaking on "The Challenge of the Church." The local ministers of Northampton were invited to this meeting and following this an informal discussion was held for the local ministers and the secretaries in an effort to suggest new ways in which the local churches could serve college students.

March 8—Interviews in the morning.

1 o'clock. Luncheon with the Student Volunteers for foreign missions and the foreign students of the college.

2 o'clock. Conference for those interested in *Work in the Home Church*, such as club work, pageantry, drama, etc., led by Miss Frances Greenough of the Baptist Board of Education and Miss Matilda Pepper of the Board of Education of the Lutheran Church.

3 o'clock. Conference on *Work of Home Missions* led by Miss Mary Eliza Clark of the Women's Board of Home and Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church.

4 o'clock. Conference on *Work of Foreign Missions*, led by Miss Helen Calder of the Woman's Boards of the Congregational Church and Miss Twyll Lytton of the Woman's Board of the Methodist Church.

5 o'clock. Conference on *Opportunities in Religious and Social Education* in the Young Women's Christian Association, led by Miss Alice Hoyt of the National Board of the Young Women's Christian Association;

5 o'clock. Conference on *Sunday School Work*, led by Miss Agnes M. Hall of the Department of Religious Education of the Episcopal Church.

The meetings in the afternoon each averaged about 20, but there was a different group at almost every one of the hours and a very marked interest on the part of those who came.

7 o'clock. Simultaneous meetings of each one of the denominations which had a visiting secretary. These meetings were small. The largest group was the Episcopal group, where there were 14 girls; this number, as compared with 450 Episcopalians registered in college, each one of whom had received a personal invitation to the meeting. The Lutheran and Congregational each had 12. The other meetings had from 7 to 4.

March 9—Personal interviews for the secretaries. Many interviews which each one had were the result of the discussions of the afternoon before.

The conference closed with an afternoon meeting of the advisory committee, the members of the Bible Department and the student committee who had had the whole conference in charge.

The experiment had proved valuable from the point of view of the local people and from those of us from the outside. All wished to have it continued another year and felt that it was worth recommending to other women's colleges and state universities in the country.